

Selected BLS Economic Indicators

Springfield, MA



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Springfield Metropolitan Statistical Area, The State of Massachusetts, and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	201.5	206.686	2.6
Northeast	214.7	219.501	2.2
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	197.2	202.130	2.5
Northeast	211.0	215.802	2.3
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	April 2006	April 2007^(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

p = preliminary

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	April 2006	April 2007 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	6,804.0	6,532.0	-272.0	-4.0
Massachusetts	161.4	148.1	-13.3	-8.2
Springfield	17.9	16.8	-1.1	-6.1

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Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	March 2006	March 2007	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
Northeast	100.9	104.0	3.1
New England	100.7	103.6	2.9
Wages and Salaries-Private Industry			
United States	100.7	104.3	3.6
Northeast	100.8	104.0	3.2
New England	100.7	103.6	2.9
Occupational Wages (selected occupations)	Mean hourly wage (May 2006)		
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Education, training, and library	\$22.97		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	\$31.54		
Food preparation and serving related	\$10.14		
Sales and related	\$16.49		
Office and administrative support	\$15.44		
Construction and extraction	\$20.87		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	\$19.70		
Production	\$15.80		
Transportation and material moving	\$14.67		

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	April 2006	April 2007 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	135,802.0	137,668.0	1,866.0	1.4
Massachusetts	3,233.6	3,266.2	32.6	1.0
Springfield	300.4	300.5	0.1	0.0

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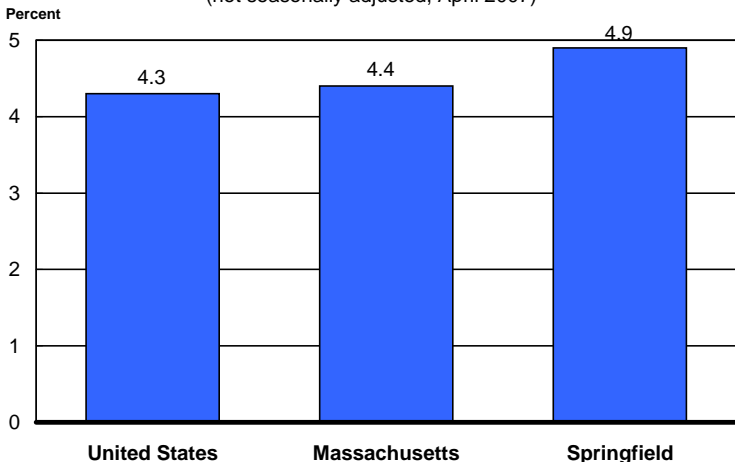
Springfield MSA payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	April 2006	April 2007 ^(p)
Total nonfarm	300.4	300.5
Natural resources, mining	11.1	10.6
Manufacturing	37.3	35.9
Trade, transportation and utilities	61.3	61.5
Financial activities	17.2	17.2
Professional and business	25.1	25.4
Education and health services	55.5	56.4
Government	50.1	50.5

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States,
Massachusetts, and the Springfield
Metropolitan Statistical Area
(not seasonally adjusted, April 2007)



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